

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) A surveillance system comprising a plurality of surveillance terminals and a surveillance center, the plurality of surveillance terminals being connected to the surveillance center by a network,

wherein one of said surveillance terminals detects a hazard and sends a hazard information signal reporting what hazard has just been detected to said surveillance center, and

said surveillance center receives said hazard information signal, identifies what type of the hazard source and the surveillance terminal that sent the hazard information signal, selects one surveillance mode that depends on the identified type of the hazard source and its locality and is to be sent to each surveillance terminal among surveillance modes in which a surveillance terminal sends video data of a view captured by its surveillance camera to the surveillance center, and sends a command indicating the one surveillance mode selected to the each surveillance terminal ~~and sends commands of different level surveillance modes in which said hazard information signal is sent in different levels of information depth to said plurality of surveillance terminals, one of the commands of the different level surveillance modes to be sent to each surveillance terminal being selected, depending on the identified type of the hazard source and its locality.~~

4-6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) A surveillance system comprising a plurality of surveillance terminals and a surveillance center, the plurality of surveillance terminals being connected to the surveillance center by a network,

wherein one of said surveillance terminals detects a hazard and sends a hazard information signal reporting what hazard has just been detected to said surveillance center, and said surveillance center receives said hazard information signal, identifies what type of the hazard source and the surveillance terminal that sent the hazard information signal, selects areas to be alerted to the hazard from among a plurality of areas studded with said plurality of surveillance terminals, depending on the identified type of the hazard source and its locality, sends a hazard alert signal to the surveillance terminals that fall in the selected areas, selects one surveillance mode that depends on the identified type of the hazard source and its locality and is to be sent to each surveillance terminal among surveillance modes in which a surveillance terminal sends video data of a view captured by its surveillance camera to the surveillance center, and sends a command indicating the one surveillance mode selected to the each surveillance terminal according to the area in which the surveillance terminal falls ~~and sends commands of different level surveillance modes in which said hazard information signal is sent in different levels of information depth to said plurality of surveillance terminals, one of the commands of the different level surveillance modes to be sent to each surveillance terminal being selected, according to the area in which the surveillance terminal falls.~~

8. (currently amended) A surveillance system according to claim 7, wherein, when two or more of said plurality of surveillance terminals respectively detect a plurality of hazards and send respective hazard information signals to said surveillance center,

said surveillance center sets the surveillance mode for each of said areas to be alerted at the highest accuracy one of said ~~different level~~ surveillance modes separately assigned to the area, depending on each hazard source type.

9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) A surveillance system according to claim 3, wherein, when two or more of said plurality of surveillance terminals respectively detect hazards and send respective hazard information signals to said surveillance center,

said surveillance center receive said respective hazard information signals, identifies what type of the hazard source and the surveillance terminal that sent the hazard information signal for each of the plurality of hazards, and, depending on the identified type of the hazard source and its locality, sets the surveillance mode of each of said plurality of surveillance terminals at the highest accuracy one of the ~~different level~~ surveillance modes separately assigned to the area in which the surveillance terminal falls, depending on each hazard source type.

11-15. (canceled)

16. (currently amended) A hazard and alert signaling method for use in a surveillance system where a plurality of surveillance terminals are connected to a surveillance center by a network,

said hazard and alert signaling method comprising a first process to be performed at one of said surveillance terminals and a second process to be performed at said surveillance center,

said first process comprising the steps of:

detecting a hazard; and

sending a hazard information signal to said surveillance center,

said second process comprising the steps of:

receiving said hazard information signal;

identifying what type of the hazard source and the surveillance terminal that sent the hazard information signal; and

selecting one surveillance mode that depends on the identified type of the hazard source and its locality and is to be sent to each surveillance terminal among surveillance modes in which a surveillance terminal sends video data of a view captured by its surveillance camera to the surveillance center, and sending a command indicating the one surveillance mode selected to the each surveillance terminal

~~sending commands of different level surveillance modes in which said hazard information signal is sent in different levels of information depth to said plurality of surveillance~~

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~~terminals, wherein one of the commands of the different level surveillance modes to be sent to each surveillance terminal is selected, depending on the identified type of the hazard source and its locality.~~

17. (canceled)